

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A heat-resistant, austenitic spheroidal graphite cast iron comprising 1-4.5% by weight of Mo, and 0.001-0.5% by weight of Sn and/or Sb as (2Sn + Sb).
2. (original): The heat-resistant, austenitic spheroidal graphite cast iron according to claim 1, wherein it has a composition comprising 1-3.5% of C, 1-6.5% of Si, 3% or less of Cr, 10-40% of Ni, 1-4.5% of Mo, 0.001-0.5% of Sn and/or Sb as (2Sn + Sb), and 0.1% or less of a graphite-spheroidizing element, on a weight basis.
3. (currently amended): The heat-resistant, austenitic spheroidal graphite cast iron according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~claim 1, wherein it further comprises 0.3% or less by weight of N.
4. (currently amended): The heat-resistant, austenitic spheroidal graphite cast iron according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~claim 1, wherein it has room-temperature elongation of 2% or more, weight loss by oxidation of 30 mg/cm² or less when kept at 950°C for 200 hours in the air, and 0.2-% yield strength of 55 N/mm² or more at 950°C in the air.
5. (currently amended): The heat-resistant, austenitic spheroidal graphite cast iron according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~claim 1, wherein it has a thermal fatigue life of 400 cycles or more in a thermal fatigue test of heating and cooling at the highest temperature of 950°C, a temperature amplitude of 800°C and a constraint ratio of 0.5.
6. (currently amended): The heat-resistant, austenitic spheroidal graphite cast iron according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~claim 1, wherein it has an average thermal expansion coefficient of $18 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ or less in a range from room temperature to 1000°C.